

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## City takes action to boost key developments

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council didn't waste time in its first meeting of 2014. On Jan. 7, the council took binding action on three items on its agenda, set a workshop for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and adjourned within 15 minutes.

Two of the three action items taken by the council were ordinances designed to boost key developments in the city. The ordinances incorporated properties into community improve-

ment districts designed to help spur development on the front end with the city being reimbursed for its share of infrastructure improvements on the back end.

The first ordinance the council approved incorporated the 12-acre lot purchased by Buzzi Unicem into a community improvement district. The district was established as a financing tool for the large cement manufacturing company to pay for its share of rail siding that will run along the main

Union Pacific line in Bel Aire's Sunflower Commerce Park. Buzzi Unicem will be the first company to utilize the rail siding as part of its shipping operation.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said, by state statute, construction of rail siding isn't a cost that can be assessed to property owners via special assessments. This is why the community improvement district was approved for the 12-acre property at 53rd North and Greenwich. Buzzi

Unicem will also pay off its share of a water line with the establishment of a community improvement district, Lasher said.

A second motion approved by the council incorporated four vacant lots in the Elk Creek Addition into the community improvement district already established with single-family properties owned by a bank in the struggling development southeast of City Hall near 45th North and Rock Road.

A local builder has ownership of

the four lots that were outside the community improvement district. The inclusion of the builder's lots into the community improvement district will allow him to get a two-year start on construction without owing special assessments to the city for infrastructure work including paving and utility placement.

Lasher said the city would be reimbursed on the back end by tacking on two years worth of specials at the end of the agreement.

Home construction in Bel Aire includes the addition of multi-family and single-family homes. In 2013, the 33-year-old city had its sixth best year in terms of residential growth.

Matt Heilman



## Group resumes push for gaming

By Matt Heilman

The start of a new legislative session has a Wichita group re-energized in its efforts to push for gaming in Sedgwick County and the reopening of a mothballed property neighboring the Kansas Pavilions.

The group called Wichita Wins is advocating for slot machines at the Wichita Greyhound Park. On Jan. 10, Beth King, spokesperson for Wichita Wins, confirmed that owner Phil Ruffin is interested in reopening the park if he's allowed to add slot machines.

"Mr. Ruffin is planning to invest \$50 (million) to \$100 million in reopening the park if he is allowed to add slot machines," King said in a news release. "In order to achieve that, the Kansas Legislature will have to pass legislation allowing citizens of Sedgwick County to vote on the issue, and the Sedgwick County commissioners must agree to put the question on the ballot. Sedgwick County voters would then need to pass the question."

In 2007, Sedgwick County voters rejected a vote for gaming and Ruffin closed the Greyhound Park. Since then, the Wichita native and casino owner has stayed active with his business endeavors in Las Vegas.

If slot machines were allowed and Ruffin followed through with funding to reopen the Greyhound Park, King said the benefits would be "wide reaching."

"It is estimated that the reopening would create 500 new jobs and generate an estimated \$1.8 million in gaming revenue each year for Sedgwick County along with additional property tax revenue," King said.

She said the additional revenue would include \$770,000 for the Valley Center school district, \$367,500 for Sedgwick County, \$228,750 for the Sedgwick County Fire Department, \$118,750 for Grant Township, \$57,500 for the Valley Center Recreation Commission, \$18,750 for the State of Kansas and \$13,750 for the South Central Kansas Library System.

If the Greyhound Park were to reopen, King said

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## The stage is set

### Bel Aire in position to build on 2013 momentum

By Matt Heilman

Since he was elected to his post last April, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin says he's tried to be a cheerleader for the city. And lately, he said, his enthusiasm has been justified.

He looks around and sees construction popping up on vacant land and he wants residents as well as people outside of the community to take notice.

"We haven't had a year like 2013 in a long time as far as residential and commercial land sales," Austin said.

In 2013, the 33-year-old city had its sixth best year in terms of residential growth. New home construction has been pushed by the incorporation of more multi-family development, but single-family construction on larger lots has also continued, although at a slower clip than what was occurring before the economic downturn slammed the market about five years ago. When Austin delivered his State of the



Entrance signs were added last year to the Sunflower Commerce Park in preparation for more development this year. Bel Aire Mayor David Austin said he'd like to see occupancy in the park, double triple, or even quadruple this year.

City address on Dec. 3, he reported that as of Dec. 1, Bel Aire had 71 new housing starts in 2013, including 21 new single-family homes.

"I'd like to see us build on it," he said. Locally, Bel Aire has generated the most buzz with the development of the 800-acre Sunflower Commerce Park. Century Manufacturing is the only business up and running on the land, but more construction is ongoing following commitments made last year. Looking at its potential impact for the area, likely the biggest accomplishment for Bel Aire in Sunflower Commerce Park in 2013 was the ability to secure funding for rail siding that will run off the main Union Pacific Railroad line that runs through the park.

The siding cemented (no pun intended) the plans for a large cement manufacturer called Buzzi Unicem to expand its operation in the commerce park on about 12 acres at the southwest corner of 53rd North and Greenwich Road.

The rail siding provides shipping capabilities that Austin, the city council and Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher expect

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## Wholesale Fireworks expanding with Bel Aire building

By Matt Heilman

This summer, there will be more bang for your bucks in Bel Aire.

At its Jan. 21 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council passed a resolution that essentially, OK'd the issuance of industrial revenue bonds meant to pave the way for Wholesale Fireworks to purchase an existing building in the city. The building, located just northwest of 37th North and Woodlawn, is an 8,000-square-foot structure that is the former home of Porter Paints. The building will be the latest addition for Wholesale Fireworks' presence in the area that also includes air-conditioned buildings in Valley Center, Haysville,

Towanda and Andover as well as about 60 tents.

Wholesale Fireworks operating manager Jacob Marietta said the company hasn't added a new spot in the Wichita area for about a decade.

"We've been looking for the right spot for years," he said.

He said the Porter Paints building is "exactly what (the company was) looking for."

Marietta said selling fireworks runs in his family. He said it started more than 80 years ago when his grandmother started selling fireworks out of the back of a gas station. When the operation started in 1932, he said sparklers were created from cattails dipped

in diesel fuel.

Today, Wholesale Fireworks designs and produces fireworks that are made in China. Marietta said he returned from a business trip to China in late October and plans to return next month. Locally, the company sells the World Class brand of fireworks.

He said Wholesale Fireworks has "worked with a bunch of other companies" and has a presence in the Kansas City area and other states, including regionally in Oklahoma and Missouri.

The company's headquarters is in a 40,000-square-foot facility in Towanda.

"Our bread and butter, our heart, is Wichita and west," Marietta said.

The heart of the company outside of Wichita includes Dodge City and Garden City.

Locally, Marietta said the company will have a presence in Bel Aire for at least the next 20 summers.

"We're gonna be here for a long time," he told the council.

Before passing its resolution regarding the advisability of issuing bonds for the purchase of the former Porter Paints building, the council approved an ordinance relating to fireworks sales that permitted Wholesale's plans for Bel Aire. Like with most fireworks vendors in the area, charitable groups and non-profit organizations will be able to generate funds by working for

Wholesale Fireworks in its new facility during the week of sales leading up to the Fourth of July.

In recent years, student groups at Sunrise Christian Academy and the Lions Club have worked at fireworks tents to serve as fundraisers.

In Bel Aire, fireworks sales begin on June 27, but they may only be shot off on July 4.

Also on Jan. 21, the council:  
• Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$184,518.45.

• Approved a letter of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds and other incentives with Buzzi Unicem, a large cement manufacturing company moving to acreage near 53rd North

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**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

At a recent city council workshop, we discussed marketing Central Park lots among other pieces of land available. In addition to great incentives, super safe and friendly neighborhoods, fantastic senior services, great parks and a growing population, Bel Aire has a lot to offer.

I commented how I love the fact I can sit on my driveway visiting with my neighbors and friends or on my back deck and see the stars above and enjoy the quietness. Yet, I can walk to fast food, a pharmacy, a major grocery store, new schools and lots more.

Then Councilwoman Dr. Ramona Becker made the comment that we have the best of both worlds in Bel Aire. And I couldn't agree more.

So it's no wonder that land and house sales are increasing on a regular basis. In my State of the City in December, I mentioned that we were on pace to have a banner year in land sales this year.

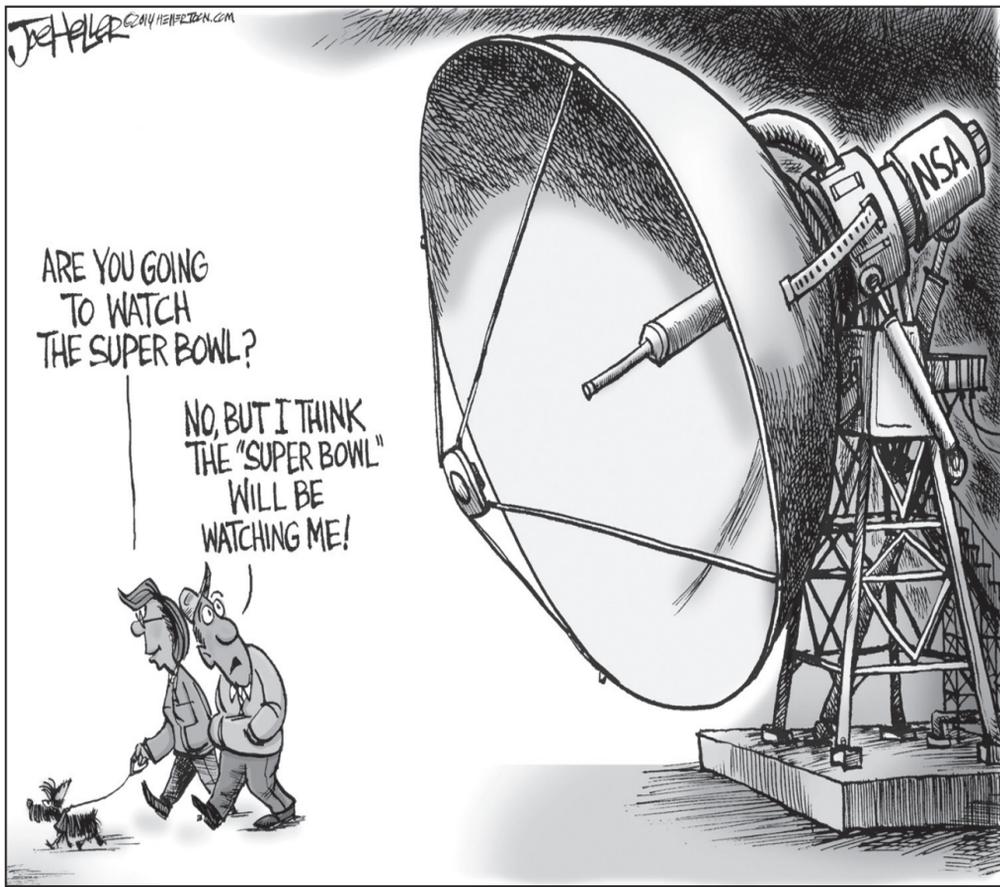
The numbers are in. We sold \$377,340.00 worth of lots and open land in 2013. And that does not include any land sales in the Sunflower Commerce Park, which had we closed any in 2013 would have been required to go directly to debt payments. This year could be even better and bigger.

Negotiations for land in the commerce park are ongoing. Interest is definitely picking up, thanks in large part to the rail spur. If all the current contracts under negotiation close in the park for 2014, we should have over \$700,000 in sales not counting any other land. The 2013 budget required \$290,000 in land sales, meaning we collected above and beyond our minimum requirements. We will add that to the lots sales in the commerce park this year and make a principal payment, which will help reduce interest payments.

In mid-January, we closed with Wichita State University 2014 Hall of Fame inductee Jason Perez on two lots in the Sunflower Commerce Park. The Shocker standout will start construction in March and open his academy this fall.

I cannot tell you how excited I am to see buildings popping up in the commerce park. There are more coming and I can't wait until we can make those announcements.

In the meantime, enjoy the best of both worlds in Bel Aire.



## Hope dangerous for sports fans

The Kansas City Chiefs snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in one of the most disappointing events I've ever witnessed on live television. It was every bit as ugly as that time in 2004 when Ashlee Simpson got busted lip-synching on Saturday Night Live. Five key players got hurt and it still came down to Dwayne Bowe's inability to get a second foot down inside the white sideline marking on the Chiefs' final play.

My favorite team with McDonalds' color scheme built a 38-10 third-quarter lead. One of my friends, who also happens to be an eternal pessimist, nearly cracked a smile and shouted approval when all hope seemed lost for the Indianapolis Colts.

After the second of Andrew Luck's three interceptions were thrown, he wondered out loud "how the Chiefs were going to (urinate) this one away."

We soon found out. A ridiculously fortunate bounce on a fumble turned into a successful quarterback keeper and Indianapolis touchdown.

Wide receiver T.Y. Hilton put up video game numbers and made the Chiefs' depleted secondary look like they were running with cement blocks tied around their ankles.

Every ingredient needed for an improbable comeback was added to the bitter-tasting stew. But as much as it stung to see the lead

### Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



erased, we hung on until the bitter end.

After Bowe's fourth-down catch was ruled incomplete with time running out and no timeouts left for the Chiefs, Luck lined up behind center in the victory formation. As his knee tapped the turf to render Kansas City powerless, I threw an empty water bottle against the wall, kicked a pillow into the air and punched it.

The frustration didn't go away, but I got enough of it out of my system to move on with my life, at least momentarily. To cool down, my friends and I proceeded to watch a few minutes of "Celebrity Ghost Stories," a show that may rival the fortune of the Colts in the ridiculous department. If you're wondering if ghosts are real, don't take my word for it. You should really ask the dude who played Greg on "The Brady Bunch" or Scott Baio, better known as Chachi from "Happy Days."

With the Chiefs loss and the conclusion of the Jan. 6 BCS National Championship game, the football season as I know it has

come to a close. Now, the Wichita State University men's basketball team has my undivided attention.

And what a team the Shockers have this year. Slam the weakness of the Missouri Valley Conference all you want. I believe this year's team is better than last year's group and quite frankly, the best team in Kansas right now.

With that said, I realize that the odds are stacked against Wichita State to match or exceed last season's tournament run. I'm telling myself right now that I'll be thrilled with 30 wins and a showing in the Sweet 16.

But it's hard not to imagine what this team can accomplish if they can catch fire in the NCAA Tournament like last year with overall improved personnel. It's hard not to imagine, but when it comes to being a sports fan, it's best to keep your feet on the ground. It's a lesson that was painfully reinforced by the Chiefs.

When it comes to having a rooting interest, Morgan Freeman's character Red in "The Shawshank Redemption" delivered the best words of wisdom I can think of:

"Let me tell you something my friend. Hope is a dangerous thing. Hope can drive a man insane."

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# Gaming at park makes sense

Financially speaking, north Sedgwick County would benefit from slot machines at a rebuilt Wichita Greyhound Park.

Right now, the property is an eyesore. Weeds and tall grass have taken over and much of the structure surrounding the track is dilapidated.

The scene is every bit as ugly as the abandoned Joyland amusement park in southeast Wichita, just on a smaller scale.

A group that has been pushing for the revitalization of the Greyhound Park is making itself heard again with the start of a new legislative session. Wichita Wins was formed a couple of years ago to advocate for the legalization of gaming in Sedgwick County. A vote in favor of gaming in the county would pave the way for slot machines and a Greyhound Park renaissance.

The group has said that if slot machines were allowed, Wichita native and Las Vegas casino developer Phil Ruffin would spend anywhere from \$50 million to \$100 million to restore the ramshackle former dog track into a first-class entertainment venue.

We understand the opposition to gaming. Some do so irresponsibly, but the majority know when to walk away. And we're willing to bet a silent majority would like to have another entertainment option close to home.

We've seen the strong economic impact the Kansas Star Casino has had on Sumner County and the City of Mulvane. We don't want casinos to pop up on every vacant piece of land in the area, but the option for entertainment with a few games of chance at a property in desperate need of resurgence makes sense.

We believe the pros greatly outweigh the cons in allowing Ruffin the chance to fulfill his vision for the Greyhound Park property.

A new entertainment venue will bring new job opportunities and pump money into the local economy.

How much money? We don't know yet, but we believe it's time to find out. We're willing to bet that if Ruffin puts a king's ransom into a new facility, he won't be cutting any corners.

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to draw interest from more manufacturers this year.

"I can see us doubling, tripling or quadrupling occupancy in the commerce park," Austin said of the year ahead.

He said the goal is aggressive, but "not out of reach."

Bel Aire has dedicated more of its resources to community development and marketing its vacant land, but the 2014 budget also leaves room for the city to tackle some

overdue street repairs and other infrastructure improvements.

During his December State of the City address, Austin said, although the 2014 property tax rate was only lowered by half a mill from 2013 and remains above the 2010 mark, the slight dip for this year "speaks volumes from where (the city was) just three years ago."

In this month's Mayor's Corner, Austin said the city sold \$377,340 worth of lots in 2013, not including land sales in the Sunflower Com-

merce Park. He pointed out that the mark goes beyond the revenue that was projected for 2013, which allowed for the tax rate to remain near level.

Austin said he would still like to see more retail development commit to Bel Aire and new entry signs "that stand out" leading into the city. But overall, he said the stage is set for 2014 to exceed last year's accomplishments.

"I just want to continue being aggressive with marketing and seeing streets improved," Austin said.

## Gaming

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it would include a Gilley's Saloon. She said the original Gilley's Saloon served as the backdrop for "Urban Cowboy,"

a popular film from 1980 starring John Travolta.

The saloon is one small perk that Wichita Wins sees with the resurrection of the Greyhound Park.

"We believe that reopening the park will also catalyze

additional development in the area, creating a ripple effect of more new businesses and more new jobs," she said.

To learn more about Wichita Wins, visit the group's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WichitaWins](http://www.facebook.com/WichitaWins).

## Fireworks

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and Greenwich in the city's Sunflower Commerce Park.

•Approved a proposal from Schwab-Eaton for engineering of a lift station, water main and sewer

mains to serve certain lots in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

•Approved a petition for water and sewer improvements serving certain lots in the Sunflower Commerce Park.

•Approved the 2014 City of Bel Aire fee schedule.

•Approved the mayor's appointments of Gary O'Neal to the Tree

Board, Jeanette Clement to the Community Development Board and Garrett Glaser as the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization alternate representative for the city.

•Approved service provider agreements with Countryside Lawn & Tree and Tree Top Nursery and Landscape for mowing services of certain parks in Bel Aire.

**Deadline for  
March: Feb. 21**

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# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

### HELP WANTED

The City of Bel Aire is accepting applications for Youth Dance Instructors, Baseball/Softball Umpires and Lifeguards. These are seasonal part-time positions. Apply at the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5251 E. 48th Street North.

### INDOOR SOCCER

Indoor soccer is for boys and girls ages 4-11. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning March 1, 2014. Practices will be set up by coaches on week-nights beginning the week of Feb. 17, 2014. The registration deadline is Feb. 8, 2014.

### MAXIMIZE TRAINING

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you several basketball clinics and camps throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skill levels. Please call Brent at 807-1036 or visit [www.maximizetraining.com](http://www.maximizetraining.com).

### TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

### FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

### BLASTBALL

Blastball is an introductory coed T-ball program for four year olds. The registration deadline is March 29th.

### SHORT SPORTS

This coed instructional program for three year olds will teach basic sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. Space is limited therefore pre-registration is required.

### Other Upcoming programs

Basketball Camp & Summer Recreational Baseball/Softball Leagues

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline. For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700



Bel Aire Mayor David Austin presented an individual Certificate of Achievement and group photo to three Children's Coloring Contest winners from the Bel Aire Christmas Celebration held on Dec. 7. Pictured left to right is, Amelia Beck, age 9; Brock Acker, age 6; Melanie Ackerman, age 11.

## City Hall

- Ty Lasher, City Manager ..... 744-2451, ext. 217
- Recreation Department ..... 744-2700
- Central Park Pool ..... 744-7331
- Parks Department ..... 744-8609
- Police • Emergency ..... 911
- Non-emergency ..... 744-6000
- Animal Control (Sedgwick County) ..... 660-7070
- Public Works ..... 744-2888
- Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.) 761-6972 or 761-6973
- Utility Billing ..... 744-2451, ext. 132
- (Waste Connections) ..... 838-4920
- Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County) ..... 660-7464

## Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

### Locations:

- Senior Center/Community Room – 7651 E. Central Park Ave., 744-2451
- Recreation Center – 5251 E. 48th St. N., 744-2700

### Weekly Events:

- Bel Aire Walkers** – M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled) *Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available*
- Men's Coffee & Fellowship** – Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Yoga** – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Bridge Games** – Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Low Impact Aerobics** – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Braum's Breakfast** – Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road

## Monthly & Special Events:

- Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.** – Potluck Dinner and Teresa Hatfield "Master of Memory" - Community Room
- Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m.** – Breakfast at IHOP
- Feb. 5, 10 a.m.** – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
- Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m.** – Lunch at Olive Garden
- Feb. 12, 10 a.m.** – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
- Feb. 13, 11 a.m.** – Veteran's Benefits with Barb Hardyway at the Senior Center
- Feb. 18 6 p.m.** – Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840
- Feb. 19, 10 a.m.** – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- Feb. 19, 10:15 a.m.** – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
- Feb. 19, 2 p.m.** – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
- Feb. 24, time tba** – Covered Dish Dinner, Solar Energy with Ellsworth Kaufman - Rec Center
- Feb. 26, 10 a.m.** – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
- Feb. 26, 7 p.m.** – Bunko at the Senior Center
- Feb. 27, 2 p.m.** – Rite Bite Series with Denise Dias, "Label Lingo" at the Senior Center
- March 3, 6:30 p.m.** – Potluck Dinner, John Boldenow "Antique Appraising" – Community Room

## Community Events

- TOPS** – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- City Council Meetings** – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
- Feb. 22 – 10 a.m.** – Red Hats - Tour of Ceros Candy Co. & lunch. Call Anita for info at 744-2840.
- Feb. 20 – 4-6 p.m.** – UAC Meeting at the Senior Center
- Feb. 24 – 7 p.m.** – Tree Board Meeting

## Bel Aire Mayor's Youth Council is looking for YOU!

Are you a Bel Aire youth who attend schools inside or outside of Bel Aire, but reside within the geographic boundaries of the City of Bel Aire, and attend high school? If so, we have a new program designed for students to become involved in local government. The City of Bel

Aire is currently accepting applications for the Mayor's Youth Council. In order to participate in this program you must be current high school students, 9-11th grade, or middle school students that will be entering the 9th grade at the beginning of the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Submit applications to the Community Development Office or the Manager's Office by April 12, 2014. More information on this program, including application forms and brochure can be found on our website at [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) on our home page.

# Defendant files own motions in murder case

By Chris Strunk

Tony Bluml has been busy in the Sedgwick County Jail.

Bluml, who is charged with capital murder in the Nov. 15 shooting deaths of his adoptive parents, has written and submitted three separate court documents in an effort to help in his defense.

In one handwritten motion, Bluml asks the court to suppress statements he made to detectives because, he said, he was “under the influence of narcotics.” In another, he asks for a speedy trial with “no continuances on my behalf.” In the third, Bluml indicates he is having a disagreement with his attorney over a request for a continuance, even citing Kansas case law to bolster claims that his wishes should take precedence over his attorney’s.

The motions were filed with the Sedgwick County

District Court clerk’s office on Jan. 16. But no hearings have been set.

Bluml, 18, and his birth mother, Kisha Schaberg, 35, as well as Drew Ellington and Braden Smith, both 18, are accused of shooting Roger and Melissa Bluml and burglarizing their home at 5932 E. 109th North on Nov. 15. Melissa Bluml, 53, died the next day. Roger Bluml, 48, who was shot in the head, died Dec. 21. The Blumls are Tony Bluml’s adoptive parents.

All four defendants have been charged with capital murder and are being held in jail on bonds of \$2 million each.

A preliminary hearing had been set for Jan. 23, but it has since been continued to later this spring. A specific date has not been set, the district attorney’s office said.

In his motion to suppress statements, Tony Bluml asks the court for “a day to give

a presentation so defendant (sic) can show without a doubt that during defendant (sic) Anthony Bluml questioning he was under the influence of narcotics.”

The motion says that Bluml “clearly” told detectives that he was under the influence of narcotics that day but detectives continued with the questioning even though Bluml “was not in complete control of his mental faculties.”

It’s unclear what Bluml told detectives during questioning. Bluml and Schaberg were arrested Nov. 19 at the Value Place Hotel on South Broadway in Wichita.

Bluml ends the motion by saying, “So respectfully written, Mr. Anthony Bluml.”

In a separate handwritten motion, Bluml requests his right to a speedy trial. Citing the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the motion says that the court has 90 days to bring Bluml to

trial. The motion says Bluml has not signed “any waivers to any court dates, nor has he requested his counsel to continue his preliminary or trial dates.”

The motion says, “I don’t want any continuances without my say so on any of my court dates, hearings, trials, ect. (sic).”

In the third handwritten motion, which is titled “Right to Due Process,” Bluml cites previous Kansas court cases in his request to move his case forward. The motion says that criminal defendants’ wishes take precedence over their attorneys’ decisions when they disagree on motions for continuance.

The motion cites State of Kansas vs. Hines and says, “With respect to speedy trial right, Kansas Supreme Court has recognized that if a criminal defendant (sic) and his/her lawyer disagree on a motion for a continuance, the defendants (sic) ‘position’

takes precedence.”

Bluml says in the motion: “I’ve had 1 court date ranging from my preliminary hearings, to my trial, that was continued without me present at the continuance hearing.”

The motion goes on to say that criminal defendants have the right to be “present at all critical hearings in the case against him or her.” The motion says, “The 14th Amendment ‘guarantees’ a criminal defendant (sic) a due process right to appear at all stages in prosecution.”

It goes on to say that the supreme court “has recognized that if a criminal defendant (sic) and his/her lawyer disagree on a motion for a continuance, the defendants (sic) position takes precedence,” again citing State of Kansas vs. Hines.

Gary W. Owens with the Sedgwick County Public Defender Conflict Office is Bluml’s court-appointed attorney. Copies of the motions

were given to Owens’ office.

The court clerk’s office requested “further direction” from Owens on how to proceed with the motions.

Meanwhile, a hearing on a prosecution motion to endorse additional witnesses was set for Jan. 24. The witness list in the case already includes dozens of law enforcement personnel as well as current and former Valley Center High School students. The latest list includes Valley Center police officers, Sedgwick County firefighters and additional students.

In alternative to the capital murder charges, each suspect has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of aggravated robbery, burglary and theft.

Prosecutors said the suspects took a purse from Melissa Bluml, a cellphone and keys from Roger Bluml and coins and other miscellaneous items from the Blumls’ residence.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Pride to host seminar on cyber safety

The Park City Pride Committee is hosting a seminar on how people can protect themselves and their families from cyberbullying and Internet crimes with a pair of free informational programs at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and 26 in the Park City Public Library.

The title of the seminar is “Scams, Cyberbullying and Internet Crime: Dangers of Twenty-First Century Technology.”

The seminar is designed to help citizens be aware of “dangers and pitfalls of confidence scams, elder abuse, fraud, advance fee scams, computer wireless network security, cyberbullying, financial and other current crime trends,” Pride said on its flier advertising the seminar.

The seminar will feature presentations by Jeremy Couch, assistant vice president and corporate security officer with Emprise Bank, Park City

Police Chief Phil Bostian, Stephanie Quick, the supervisor for the Safety Services Department with Wichita Public Schools, and Len Warren, Park City Library director and an Internet security expert.

For more information on the seminar, call 744-0044 or visit [www.parkcitypride.info](http://www.parkcitypride.info).

— The Breeze staff

### Northeast to host dinner theater

Drama students at Bel Aire’s Northeast Magnet High School will perform a Valentine’s Day dinner theatre show in the auditorium of the school located just northeast of 53rd North and Rock Road at 5550 N. Lycee. The show the student’s will perform is called “Almost Maine,” a story comprised of nine scenes that take place in the mythical town bearing the show’s title.

The dinner leading up to the show

starts at 6 p.m. with the curtains going up at 7 p.m. The show will run for about 90 minutes, ending at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$12. Tickets just for the show without the dinner beforehand are \$5. For ticket information, call the school at 973-2300.

The school’s office hours are 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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### Wild title defense to start this month

The defending Central Plains Indoor Football League champion Wichita Wild are soon set to begin the quest to defend their title. The Wild’s season kicks off on the road Feb. 28 at the Lincoln (Neb.) Haymakers. Wichita follows with a week off before traveling to take on the Oklahoma Defenders March 16. The Wild’s home opener at Hartman

Arena is set for March 22 against the Dodge City Law. Kickoff for every home game is 7:05 p.m. The Wild’s home slate also includes an April 12 game against Lincoln, April 26 against Oklahoma, May 17 against the Kansas Koyotes and June 7 regular season finale against the defending CIPFL runner-up Salina Bombers. The Wild travel to Salina on May 3.

For more information on the Wild, including team news and ticket information, visit the team’s website at [www.wichitawildfootball.com](http://www.wichitawildfootball.com).

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### Dates set for severe weather program

When it comes to threats of severe weather in north Sedgwick County, we’ve been lucky for the last several years. But as long as we remain in “Tornado Alley,” the threat for severe weather is there,

reaching its peak in the spring and early summer. In preparation for those upcoming peak severe weather months, the Sedgwick County Emergency Management has scheduled its annual severe weather safety programs in area cities. The class will be 6:30 p.m. March 3 at Valley Center City Hall, 6:30 p.m. March 4 at Kechi City Hall, 6:30 p.m. April 3 at the Bel Aire City Building (7651 E. Central Park Ave.) and 6:30 p.m. April 7 at the Park City Senior Center.

In Bel Aire, the program will include a presentation from Cody Charvat, Training and Exercise Officer with Sedgwick County Emergency Management. The city’s police department is sponsoring the program in Bel Aire. The severe weather safety class is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Sedgwick County Emergency Management at 660-5959.

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## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Services are at 8:30 (Contemporary), 9:45 (Kid Friendly) and 11:00 (Traditional). Communion is offered at all services. Adult Sunday School is at 9:45.

For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister of Christ Lutheran Church.

### Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord’s Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children’s church. Sunday school begins at 9:30.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at [www.fairmountucc.org](http://www.fairmountucc.org).

### Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwch Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

### Kechi United Methodist Church

You are welcome at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Contemporary Service is at 9:03 a.m.; the Blended Service is at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new sermon series, Dec. 1 entitled, “The Person God Can Use.”

Youth Group for 6th - 12th grades meets every Sunday at 4:00 at KUMC.

Looking for Healthy (Health Strategies) meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m.; cost is \$10/session.

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Every 3rd Tuesday a Hot Meal is prepared at KUMC and served to the United Methodist Open Door Ministries Drop-In Center at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers

welcome!

Find us at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://www.KechiUMC.org). Follow us on Facebook, or Twitter @KechiUMC. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at [Mitch@kechiuic.org](mailto:Mitch@kechiuic.org). Phone number is 744-1221.

### Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

### Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N. Randall, Park City. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at [jmcquery@cox.net](mailto:jmcquery@cox.net)

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children’s church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool-age children. King’s Kids is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Confirmation class for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through twelve. There will also be adult Bible classes.

Risen Savior Preschool class for 2013-14 school year is currently in session. Preschool classes for 3 to 5 years old children are on Monday/Wednesday/ Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Please call the church for details.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. [www.risensavior-wichita.net](http://www.risensavior-wichita.net).

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

### St. Michael’s Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael’s Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E 61st Street Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. “... the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.” Acts 11:26

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is our adult class, “The Story of Christianity.” Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m. Nursery service is provided.

On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

Men’s Study Group first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women’s Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m.: Dare To Live Fully Right Where You Are. We will continue our study of “One Thousand Gifts” by Ann Voskamp.

Wednesday Potluck Supper & Program “WHEN A NATION FORGETS GOD.” Feb. 5. is “It’s Always the Economy.” Feb. 19. is “That Which is Legal Might Also Be Evil.” Liturgy is at 6 p.m. Supper is at 6:45 p.m. Program is at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Holy Days for February: Feb. 1 Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Feb. 3 Saint Blaise of Sebastia, Feb. 5 Saint Agatha, Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter

at Antioch, Feb. 24 Saint Matthaïs the Apostle, Feb. 27 Saint Raphael of Brooklyn. Season of Pre-Lent begins on Sunday, Feb. 16. March 5 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Great Lent.

Fasting during January: All Fridays are days of fasting and abstinence.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website at [www.stmichaeloc.org](http://www.stmichaeloc.org)

Email inquiries at [jflora@cox.net](mailto:jflora@cox.net).

### Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming events: God’s Closet — Our next FREE SHOP DAY EVENT is Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., located in the Wichita Community Health & Education Center at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita, KS 67219. \$1 admission. God’s Closet is a non-profit organization. We collect new and gently used children’s clothes and shoes, then once a quarter we have a Free Shop-day Event and give the clothes away. We charge a \$1 entrance fee per family. The fee is used exclusively to pay for any expenses we incur. Currently, there are no requirements to receive donations from God’s Closet. If you are a family in need of clothes for your little ones, we invite you to join us for our Free Shop-day Event. God’s Closet offers clothes for children from newborn to 18 years of age. We are always in need of donations. If you would like to help

and be a blessing to a family in need by donating your gently used children’s clothes and shoes, please contact us. Volunteers are always welcome too. For more information find us at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godscloset.com](mailto:eric@godscloset.com), or call 530-1040.

Send your church’s upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

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# POLICE REPORTS

**Jan. 20** — Officer Murphy responded to a possible overdose in the 7300 block of East Central Park. A man was taken to the hospital.

**Jan. 19** — Officer Murphy responded to a burglar alarm at a residence in the 4200 block of North Mission. There were no signs of a burglary.

**Jan. 19** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. A woman was taken to the hospital after falling.

**Jan. 19** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for defective headlamp at 37th North and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for defective headlamp, improper display of a license plate, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

**Jan. 18** — Officer Foxx responded to a report of vandalism in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A window on a door was broken.

**Jan. 18** — Officer Murphy responded to a report of vandalism in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff. A residence had been egged. There appeared to be no permanent damage.

**Jan. 18** — Officer Murphy responded to a report of vandalism in the 3900 block of North Harding. A residence had been egged. There appeared to be no permanent damage.

**Jan. 18** — Officer Thompson responded to a suspicious character call in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. A person in a red car was looking at a residence.

**Jan. 17** — Officer Steele followed up on a missing license plate in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.

**Jan. 17** — Officer Murphy responded to an open door on a residence in the 4500 block of North Glendale. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Jan. 17** — Officer Murphy responded to a report of domestic violence in a vehicle in the 4000 block of North Auburn. There were no signs of violence.

**Jan. 17** — Officer Murphy checked a residence in the 4700 block of North Krueger. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Jan. 17** — Officer Murphy responded to an alarm at Wickham Glass in the 4700 block of North Webb. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

**Jan. 15** — Chief Griggs assisted EMS with an occupational accident in the 6800 block of East Summerside Place. A person who had fallen was taken to the hospital.

**Jan. 15** — Chief Griggs responded to a report of a drunken driver at Family Video. Officers followed the vehicle to a residence under construction in the 6700 block of East Summerside Place. The driver was cited for driving without having been licensed.

**Jan. 14** — Officer Wallender responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4800 block of North Harding. The alarm was false.

**Jan. 14** — Officer Wallender responded to Sam's Club on a hold-up alarm in the 3400 block of North Rock Road. The alarm was false.

**Jan. 14** — Officer Thompson red-tagged a vehicle on Jan. 11 in the 6900 block of Perryton. The vehicle was towed on Jan. 14.

**Jan. 14** — Officer Thompson stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign at 45th North and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, expired tag, running a stop sign and no proof of insurance.

**Jan. 13** — Officer Toomey took a report of a lost car tag.

**Jan. 13** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm on a residence in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. There were no signs of suspicious activities.

**Jan. 12** — Officer Murphy responded to an alarm at Treetop Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The building was secured.

**Jan. 11** — Officer Foxx responded to a larceny from a residence in the 4500 block of North Glendale. Taken was prescription medication.

**Jan. 11** — Officer Murphy took a report of a suspicious character in the 7400 block of East 53rd North.

**Jan. 11** — Officer McCaslin responded to a check a residence in the 6400 block of East Shepherds Crossing. A door was unlocked, but there was no sign of a break-in.

**Jan. 11** — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious character call in the 4400 block of North St. James. A vehicle with the driver's side door open was parked in front of the calling party's residence. It belonged to a neighbor.

**Jan. 10** — Officer Foxx stopped

a vehicle for expired tag in the 4000 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and no proof of insurance.

**Jan. 10** — Officer Murphy responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited for inattentive driving. No injuries were reported.

**Jan. 10** — Officer Murphy took a report of larceny from a construction site in the 9400 block of East 49th North. Construction materials, including plywood and bolts, were taken. Loss was estimated at \$4,489.

**Jan. 10** — Officer Thompson responded to a suspicious character call in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A resident heard noises in the back yard. Officer did not see anything out of the ordinary.

**Jan. 8** — Chief Griggs took a report of an unknown person filing 2009 and 2011 tax returns in another person's name. The victim was in prison and was not eligible to receive a tax return during those years.

**Jan. 8** — Chief Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. It was a false alarm.

**Jan. 7** — Chief Griggs assisted firefighters on a broken water pipe inside a residence in the 4500 block of North Hillcrest.

**Jan. 7** — Officer McCaslin responded to a two-car wreck in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited for inattentive driving. No injuries were reported.

**Jan. 6** — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character in the 4300 block of Janesville. A resident saw a man walk past her kitchen window. It turned out to be a Kansas Gas Service employee.

**Jan. 5** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm at Century Manufacturing in the 9700 block of East 50th North. It was a false alarm.

**Jan. 4** — Officer Wallender found a pair of Rawling sunglasses in the parking lot of City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for an expired tag in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Foxx assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office on a domestic violence call in the 12400 block of East 53rd North.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding, tag not assigned to vehicle, no driver's license in possession and no proof of insurance.

**Jan. 3** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5900 block of East 37th North. Ryan C. Martin was arrested on a charge of DUI and cited for speeding.

**Jan. 2** — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious character call at the fire station in the 3400 block of North Woodlawn. A suspicious man was seen around a firefighter's personal vehicle, but he left when asked if he needed help.

**Jan. 1** — Officer Thompson responded to a loud party at a residence in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. About 100 people, many minors, were at the party. The suspects hosting the party were arrested on charges of unlawfully hosting minors consuming alcohol.

**Jan. 1** — Chief Griggs responded to a burglary in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. The suspects opened a basement window and left with two gaming systems, several men's watches, a woman's purse and two men's wallets. Estimated loss was \$3,200. The burglary happened when two residences were asleep in the basement.

**Jan. 1** — Chief Griggs responded to a barking dog complaint in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. The dog's owner was contacted and said he would keep his dog from barking.

**Jan. 1** — Chief Griggs took a report about a child custody exchange at City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park.

**Jan. 1** — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic violence call in the 6700 block of East Rodeo.

**Jan. 1** — Officer McCaslin responded to check the welfare of a resident in the 5100 block of East 49th North. The man had gone to the Kansas Star Casino and didn't have a cellphone with him.

**Jan. 1** — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm at Wickham Glass in the 4700 block of North Webb. It was a defective sensor.

**Dec. 31** — Chief Griggs took a report of larceny at a residence in the 6500 block of East Perryton. Taken were two cellphones and a digital camera.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Foxx responded to a vehicle wreck. There were no injuries.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Foxx took a report of vehicle larceny in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. Someone entered an unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the Resurrection Church parking lot and removed a black Garmin and a blue Samsung Galaxy SIII. Total loss was \$600.

**Dec. 30** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for defective headlamp in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. Randi M. Escareno was arrested on a warrant through Butler County and cited for defective headlamp and driving with a suspended license.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Wallender took a report of a vehicle larceny in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. Someone entered an unlocked truck and took a checkbook, bank bag, clipboard and Oakley sunglasses while the truck was parked at Resurrection Catholic Church during a funeral.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Murphy took a report of lost property in the 5900 block of East 49th Court North. A wallet was lost.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Foxx took a report of found property at the station. A large green suitcase was found on the east side of the Sunrise Christian Academy football field. Inside the suitcase were numerous items that had been stolen out of vehicles on Dec. 28. Some of the items were unclaimed and unreported.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Murphy responded to a domestic dispute in the 5200 block of East 39th North. The victim reported being involved in an argument with a family member and was pushed down. Allen Townsley was arrested on a charge of domestic battery and criminal damage to property.

**Dec. 29** — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for defective brake lamp in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for defective brake lamps and driving with a suspended license.

**Dec. 28** — Officer Wallender responded to a vehicle larceny in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. Someone entered an unlocked vehicle and took 25 music CDs, a gift bag with four picture frames, a \$10 Applebee's gift card and three Christmas ornaments. The owner chased the suspect to his vehicle, but the suspect got away. The owner was able to give a description to police.

**Dec. 28** — Officer Wallender responded to a vehicle larceny in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. Someone entered an unlocked vehicle and took a purse.

**Dec. 28** — Officer Thompson received information from a Butler County sheriff's deputy that a tag belonging to a Bel Aire resident was found on a stolen vehicle in Belle Plaine. Officer responded to the Bel Aire resident's home and found a stolen tag on the man's vehicle.

**Dec. 27** — Officer Foxx responded to a burglary in the 5100 block of East 46th North. There was no burglary. Family members had come to the residence to clean and remove all the trash and clutter from the residence.

**Dec. 27** — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious vehicle call in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge. Officer made contact with the people in the vehicle. They worked for a moving company and were waiting for the truck to arrive.

**Dec. 27** — Officer Foxx responded to a vehicle wreck in the 4800 block of East 44th North. A vehicle struck a parked vehicle and drove to a nearby residence. The driver was contacted and cited for hit-and-run and inattentive driving.

**Dec. 27** — Officer Thompson stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign at 45th North and Woodlawn. The driver was cited for transporting an open container of alcohol and failing to stop at a stop sign.

**Dec. 26** — Officer Foxx responded to a report of an abduction in the 5300 block of North Hillside. The victim said he was handcuffed with zip ties and stuffed in a trunk. The victim was able to escape and flag down a UPS driver, who called 911. The suspects were located by Wichita police at a residence near Central and Chautauqua.

**Dec. 26** — Officer Foxx responded to check the welfare of a resident in the 5900 block of East Perryton. The resident was OK.

**Dec. 26** — Officer Foxx responded to a burglary at a residence in the 4800 block of Indian Oak. Stolen were a music receiver, mp3 player and a digital picture frame.

**Dec. 26** — Officers noticed the front door of a residence in the 4800 block of Farmstead Court was open. Officer contacted the owner.

**Dec. 25** — Chief Griggs responded to check a stop sign down at Janesville and Memphis. The sign was struck by a vehicle and destroyed.

**Dec. 24** — Chief Griggs took a report of a vehicle wreck in the 5600 block of East Perryton. A resident reported that an unknown vehicle slid off the road and struck her mailbox and then drove away.

**Dec. 24** — Chief Griggs took a report of a vehicle wreck in the 5100 block of East Willow Point. An unknown vehicle slid off the road and struck a mailbox.

**Dec. 24** — Officer McCaslin responded to check the welfare of two juveniles in the park in the 4100 block of North Parkwood. The calling party said the juveniles were seen walking on the iced-over pond. Officer did not find the juveniles.

**Dec. 23** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Oliver. A man was pronounced dead at the residence.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Wallender arrested Christopher A. Kristek in the 3400 block of North Great Plains on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Foxx arrested Cullin Gordon in the 3400 block of North Great Plains on a parole warrant out of Illinois.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for an expired tag in the 5300 block of East 37th North. The driver was issued citations for flee and elude, expired tag, no insurance and driving without having been licensed.

**Dec. 22** — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 5300 block of East 49th Court North. An unidentified person rang a doorbell and left.

**Dec. 21** — Officer McCaslin responded to a larceny in the 5500 block of East 49th North. A resident said someone took a mini evergreen tree from her yard. Loss was estimated at \$125.

**Dec. 20** — Officer Foxx assisted

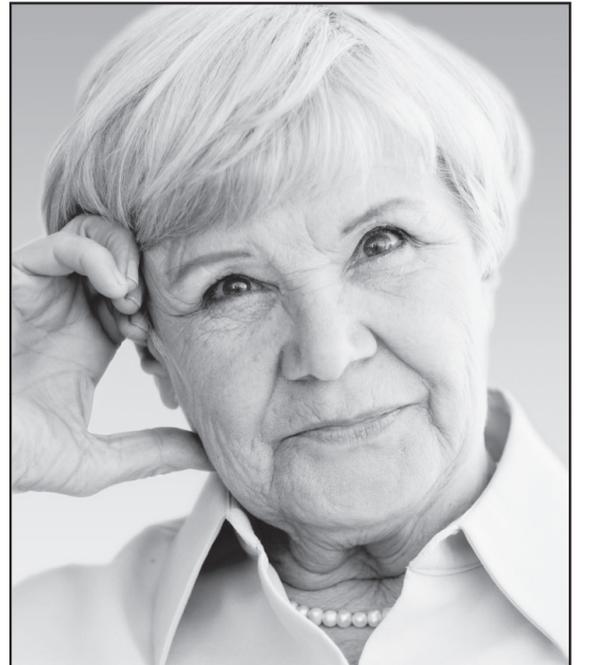
Sedgwick County fire on a grass fire in the 4900 block of North Rock Road. The fire was accidentally set by a paving crew.

**Dec. 20** — Officer Foxx responded to a hold-up alarm in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. It was a false alarm.

**Dec. 20** — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a fraud in the 4400 block of North Frittillary. A resident reported receiving an automated voice mail message stating that he should call a 1-800 number

because of suspicious activity on his Visa credit card. The resident called the number and got another message saying he won \$100 for calling. The resident hung up and called Visa customer service, which said there was no suspicious activity on his card.

**Dec. 20** — Officer Steele responded to a domestic violence call in the 6500 block of East Perryton. Bryce M. Johnson was arrested on charges of domestic violence and criminal damage to property.



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# Kechi man charged with distributing child porn

By Matt Heilman

A Kechi man could face more than 20 years in prison after being charged with distributing child pornography. A news release from the office of U.S. District Attorney Barry Grissom identified the man as 33-year-old Jaime Menchaca. Grissom said the pornography was mainly from Menchaca's computer at work

at Highland Dairy in Wichita. Menchaca was charged Jan. 17 in U.S. District Court in Wichita with one count of distributing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography.

Grissom's office said "an affidavit filed in support of the complaint alleged the investigation began in September when agents of Homeland Security Investigations (HIS)

served a search warrant at the residence of a man in Pevely, Mo. They found evidence the man had received child pornography from IP addresses they traced to Highland Dairy in Wichita and Menchaca's home in Kechi."

Grissom's office said investigators determined Menchaca was a manager at Highland. On Jan. 11, a trained computer forensic analyst with the Kan-

sas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force was taken to the dairy and was able to make a copy of the company computer used by Menchaca. Investigators also obtained a thumb drive by Menchaca, which "contained images of children as young as six years old engaged in sexual acts," Grissom's office said. "Investigators determined Menchaca had been using the Internet to

trade child exploitation materials through a photo-sharing site."

The affidavit alleges that Menchaca traded photos from his work computer, but also checked his emails at home.

If convicted, Grissom's office said Menchaca "faces a penalty of not less than five years and not more than 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on the

distribution count, and a maximum penalty of 10 years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the possession count."

Agencies investigating the case included Homeland Security Investigations, the Wichita Police Department, and the Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Grissom's office said. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Hart is prosecuting.

# 'Lou Castro' trial delayed until March

By Matt Heilman

A complex case involving nearly 40 charges including first-degree murder has been delayed yet again and there's no guarantee of closure anytime soon. The jury trial scheduled in the case against Daniel U. Perez has been delayed for a fifth time. Most recently, the trial was to have started Jan. 21 before it was pushed to March 31.

In June 2012, a Sedgwick County District Court judge ruled that enough evidence had

been presented in a preliminary hearing for Perez, 54, to stand trial on 38 charges, including first-degree murder, sex crimes and providing false information to apply for auto credit and collect on life insurance.

The preliminary hearing included testimony from witnesses who were part of the group known as "the family." The group had been part of Perez's inner circle when he lived north of Valley Center under the alias of "Lou Castro."

Members of "the family" lived with or neighbored Perez in the 9500 block of North Oliver in a cluster of three homes referred to as "a compound." Specifically, the property was known as "Angel's Landing." While living on the property, Perez lived comfortably as "Lou Castro."

He enjoyed showing off new cars and hosting parties at Angel's Landing. He made friends with citizens in the nearby Kechi community and was close with the small town's police department.

It was at the indoor pool on the Angel's Landing property where 26-year-old Patricia Hughes drowned in June 2003. For more than eight years, her death was ruled an accident

until new evidence backed by witness testimony pointed to Perez as her killer.

Hughes was listed as a victim of first-degree murder and a warrant for Perez was issued in January 2012.

A spokesman for the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office said at least for now, the March 31 trial date is firm. But it remains to be seen if the defense for Perez

will motion for another delay.

## DEATH

### WAKETA BARNGROVER

Waketa Charlotte Barngrover, 90, of Woodbridge, Va., formerly of Belle Plaine, died Jan. 13, 2014. Funeral service was Jan 21 at Smith Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Rd., Derby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Orr and Lorene Hodges; husband Wilbur; daughter Delores Barngrover; brother Cloise Orr; and sister Wanda Haverty.

Survivors include her son, Bill (Anita), Saginaw, Texas; daughter Marti Hall (Ron) of Woodbridge, Va.; brothers Ed-

gar Hodges of Latham, Charles Hodges (Rhoda) of Cassoday; sisters Marjorie Hartman of Bel Aire, Joy Clements (Dale) of Holton; grandchildren Kenny Judy (Andrea), Brian Judy, Martin Judy (Marie), Patrick Judy (Jenn), Kim Villa (Jeff), Chris Hall, Chris Barngrover (Missy), Craig Barngrover (Mandy), and Adam Barngrover (Stephanie); and 19 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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